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CORPORATIONS AND CHARITIES DIVISION PROGRAM
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405, 25.10.600, 43.07.120.

WAC 434-112-010 Services provided by the corporations and charities division. The corporations and charities division provides the following services:

(1) Filing business records under chapters 18.100, 23.78, 23.86, 23.90 RCW, and Titles 23B and 25 RCW, and chapter 176, Laws of 2015;

(2) Filing nonprofit organization records under Title 24 RCW and chapter 176, Laws of 2015;

(3) Filing charities program registrations under chapters 19.09 RCW and 434-120 WAC;

(4) Filing trademark registration records under chapters 19.77 RCW and 434-12 WAC;

(5) Certification authority licensing under chapters 19.34 RCW and 434-180 WAC;

(6) Filing registration records of international student exchange programs under chapters 19.166 RCW and 434-166 WAC;

(7) Apostilles under RCW 42.44.180;

(8) Agent for service of process on nonresident motorists under RCW 46.64.040;

(9) Agent for service of process on defendants in actions for recovery of damages for motor vehicle theft, as authorized by RCW 9A.56.078;

(10) Agent for service of process for those entities and under those circumstances listed in section 1411(4), chapter 176, Laws of 2015;

(11) Filing registration records of state registered domestic partnerships under chapter 26.60 RCW and RCW 43.07.-
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WAC 434-112-023 Preclearance. Records will only be precleared in person at the front counter. The filing fee is ten dollars plus the immediate service fee of fifty dollars. If immediate service is not required, the record may be left for processing with other records received that day and the precleared record will be returned by mail or electronically within five business days. If grounds for rejection are found, a notice of the grounds will be included with the returned record.

WAC 434-112-025 Paper records delivered after normal working hours. (1) Paper records, including substitute service of process on the secretary of state, delivered after the normal working hours, will be treated as though received on the next working day.

(2) Records submitted online will be treated as though received as of the date and time the division's computer system records the complete submission and credit card approval for the transaction.

(3) The secretary assumes no responsibility for any form of delivery other than that:

(a) Received personally by an employee of the office of the secretary of state; or

(b) Received by the division's computer system as a result of an electronic record submission.

WAC 434-112-028 Name reservation. (1) Paper requests for a name reservation are completed in order of date received unless immediate or expedited service is requested. A name reservation may be made by completing the form provided by the division or in a letter clearly containing all the following information:

(a) The corporate name desired;

(b) The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant;

(c) The signature of the applicant; and

(d) The application date.

An application on behalf of a client should also include the client's name and complete address.

(2) A name reservation expires in one hundred eighty days and may not be renewed. A new filing may be made after the expiration date.

(3) Requests for a name reservation may be filed online, when the system is available.

WAC 434-112-030 Certificates. Certificates issued by the secretary of state or the secretary's designee in furtherance of duties under Titles 18, 19, 23, 23B, 24, 25, 26 RCW, chapter 42.44 RCW, and chapter 176, Laws of 2015, will:

(1) Contain a rendition of the Washington state seal;

(2) Contain a mechanical or electronic reproduction of the secretary's signature;

(3) Be regarded as the secretary of state's official certification of the matters itemized in the certificate; and

(4) Types of certificates issued include, but are not limited to:

(a) Certificate of existence;

(b) Certificate of registration;

(c) Certificate of fact or record.
WAC 434-112-045 Rejection of records. (1) The corporations program may reject paper or electronic records that:

(a) Are not legible; or

(b) Are not able to be recorded as an image with adequate resolution and clarity; or

(c) Are incomplete; or

(d) Are not permitted to be filed in the corporations office; or

(e) Paper records completed in pencil or faxed will not be accepted for filing.

(2) Additional information or payment may be requested by telephone, email or letter.

(3) The corporations program may hold records for up to thirty days to await additional information or funds needed to complete the filing process. After thirty days, new records and fees are required.


(2) The corporations program will retain a digital image of the paper or electronic record submitted for filing. The corporations program will, on completion of the filing, send a confirmation per WAC 434-112-040.

(3) The corporations program may return the completed filed record via email or other electronic means if the record indicates that an electronic response is acceptable.

WAC 434-112-055 Registered agent. A domestic entity and a foreign registered entity must designate a registered agent. A registered agent may be a noncommercial or commercial registered agent. To be designated as a commercial registered agent, a person must deliver to the secretary of state a commercial-registered-agent-listing statement accompanied by a list of all entities' names and unified business identifier numbers the commercial registered agent represents in this state.

WAC 434-112-056 Statement of change for registered agent name and address. (1) A statement of change to change the registered agent name and/or address, may be completed online by:

(a) The entity;

(b) A noncommercial registered agent;

(c) A commercial registered agent; or

(d) Paper forms may be available at the secretary's online site.

(2) When a statement of change is filed by a noncommercial or commercial registered agent, the agent making the change must give each entity represented a notice in the form of a record relating to the change.

WAC 434-112-057 Resignation of agent. (1) A registered agent may resign as agent for a represented entity by delivering to the secretary of state for filing, a statement of resignation, executed by the agent.

(2) A statement of resignation takes effect on the 31st day after the day on which it is filed by the secretary or the designation of a new registered agent, whichever is earlier.

(3) A resigning registered agent must promptly furnish each represented entity notice in a record of the date on which a statement of resignation was filed. Notice must include the warning that the entity may be administratively dissolved if a new registered agent is not appointed within sixty days of the resignation of the agent.

WAC 434-112-058 Service of process. (1) The secretary serves as an agent for an entity only after service has been attempted by:

(a) Serving the registered agent;

(b) If the registered agent cannot be served, service should be sent to the principal office address as shown in the entity’s most recent annual report;

(c) If process cannot be served by (a) or (b) of this subsection, service may be made by handing a copy to an individual in charge of any regular place of business or activity of the entity, if the individual served is not a plaintiff.
(2) Service is effected on the earliest of:
(a) The date the entity receives the mail delivery by the commercial delivery service;
(b) The date shown on the return receipt, if executed by the entity; or
(c) Five days after its deposit with the United States Postal Service or commercial delivery service, if correctly addressed and with sufficient postage or payment.

(3) Service must be in a written record, but service may be made on a commercial registered agent in other forms and subject to such requirements as the agent has stated in its commercial-registered-agent-listing statement.

(4) Service of process, notice, or demand may be made by other means under law.

[WAC 434-112-060 Annual reports. All business entities, as defined in section 1102(6), chapter 176, Laws of 2015, must file annual reports accompanied by the statutory fee under WAC 434-112-085 and are due by the last day of the month that the business entity was formed or registered in the secretory of state's office.

Any entity formed under Titles 23, 23B, and 25 RCW must disclose any transfer in the controlling interest of the entity and any interest in real property on the annual report, under RCW 43.07.390.

[WAC 434-112-065 Online filing—Designation of registered agent. (1) When completing and submitting an online filing for any entity required by Washington law to appoint a registered agent the filing party shall affirm under oath that they have obtained and have in their possession the signed, written consent of the person appointed as registered agent.

(2) When the person submitting the filing is the person appointed as registered agent, a separate written consent is not required.

(3) Submitting a false affirmation is punishable as a gross misdemeanor under RCW 43.07.210.

(4) The entity required to maintain a registered agent must:
(a) Retain the original of the registered agent's signed consent;
(b) Make the original of the registered agent's signed consent available for inspection on request; and
(c) Submit the original signed consent to the corporation program or the office of the attorney general within ten business days upon demand.

[WAC 434-112-070 Online filing—For foreign entity registration—Certificate of existence. (1) When a foreign entity as defined by section 1102(6), chapter 176, Laws of 2015, submits an online foreign entity registration statement, the filing party may meet the statutory requirement for submitting a certificate of existence by submitting a digital image of a certificate of existence or document of similar import no older than sixty days before the date of submission.

(2) The image must be in a format specified as acceptable on the online filing web site.

(3) The entity must:
(a) Retain the original certificate of existence;
(b) Make the original certificate of existence available for inspection on request; and
(c) Submit the original to the corporations program or the office of the attorney general within ten business days upon demand.

[WAC 434-112-075 Online services. (1) Online filings: (a) Will be subject to a processing fee of twenty dollars, with the exception of annual reports or statements of change for registered agent information processed online; and
(b) Be treated as received when the division's system records receipt of the completed transaction including payment authorization.

(2) When submitting an online filing, the person completing the filing shall sign the application by: Typing their full name in the space provided on the web form; stating their capacity with the entity addressed in the filing; and following the directions for signing the web form.

(3) Online processing fees are nonrefundable.

WAC 434-112-080 Immediate and expedited service—Special fees. (1) Immediate service is available at the division's front counter for an immediate service fee of fifty dollars for single or multiple transactions on paper within each new or existing division program filing. In addition, the filing fee for each transaction applies.

(2) There is no immediate service fee for records dropped off in person for processing with nonexpedited records received that day.

(3) There is no immediate service fee for photocopies requested in person, however, photocopies ordered online are subject to a twenty dollar online processing fee. If a request is made for immediate service on a photocopy that was ordered online, an additional immediate service fee may be assessed.

(4) Expedited service requests for filing paper records received by mail, will be completed within two working days of submission for an expedited service fee of fifty dollars. If a request is made for immediate service on an expedited record, an immediate service fee may be assessed.

(5) Nonexpedited records are processed within fifteen business days with no service fee. If a request is made for expedite or immediate service, the applicable fee may be assessed.

(6) The processing fee for online service is twenty dollars and records are filed within two business days. If an online record is subsequently requested to be filed immediately, an additional immediate service fee may be required.

(7) The filing party may indicate expedited service is requested on mailed records by placing the word "expedit" in bold letters on either the envelope, the face of the record to be filed, or on any cover letter submitted with the record.

(8) Customers who resubmit rejected records that were expedited the first time they were submitted, may be charged an additional expedite fee upon resubmission.

(9) Emergency services outside regular business hours requiring employee overtime are one hundred fifty dollars per hour plus transaction fees due on any filing. When the division receives a request for emergency services, staff will notify the customer of the service fee and any other reasonable conditions set by the director. The customer must agree to pay the fees or have received a fee waiver before emergency services are provided.

(10) A customer may make alternate arrangements with the director prior to bringing or sending in records, if a sudden, unexpected situation occurs during the business day.

(11) A customer may submit a written request to waive emergency, expedited, or penalty fees, which must include the special circumstances justifying the fee waiver. The director or deputy director will make the determination to waive fees or not.

(12) Immediate, online, or expedited service fees are not refundable.

WAC 434-112-085 Fees and penalties. (1) For domestic and foreign business entities, formed under Title 23B RCW, chapters 23.78, 25.15, 25.10, and 25.05 RCW, fees and penalties are:

(a) Public organic record including employee cooperatives
(b) Foreign registration statement
(c) Articles of amendment or amendment of foreign registration statement
(d) Articles of restatement
(e) Statement of correction
(f) Revocation of voluntary dissolution
(g) Delinquent fee
(h) Annual report including employee cooperative
(i) Reinstatement from administrative dissolution
(j) Requalification from administrative termination
(k) Articles of merger or exchange
(l) Resignation of registered agent
(m) Initial report filed with public organic record
(n) Initial report filed separate
(o) Amended annual report
(p) Change of registered agent
(q) Registration, reservation, or transfer of name
(r) Articles of dissolution or voluntary termination of statement
(s) Agent's consent to act as agent

[Statutory Authority: 2015 c 176, and chapters 11.10, 18.100, 19.77, 23.86, 23.90, 23B.01, 24.03, 24.06, 25.10, 25.15, 43.07, and 46.64 RCW. WSR 15-22-047, § 434-112-080, filed 10/29/15, effective 11/6/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 23.86.070, 23B.01-200, 23B.01.220, 24.03.405, 25.10.600, 43.07.120, 43.07.128, 43.07.130, 46.64.040. WSR 10-11-015, § 434-112-080, filed 10/6/10, effective 11/6/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 23.86.070, 23B.01-200, 23B.01.220, 24.03.405, 25.10.600, 43.07.120, 43.07.128, 43.07.130, 46.64.040. WSR 10-06-036, § 434-112-080, filed 2/24/09, effective 3/27/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 23B.01.200(2), 24.03.007, 24.03.008, 25.15.007, 19.09.020(15), [19.09.-315, 19.77.115, and 43.07.170. WSR 04-04-018, § 434-112-080, filed 1/23/04, effective 2/23/04.]

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434-112-090 Miscellaneous fees. (1) Copy fees for corporate records are:

(a) Each annual report, five dollars;

(b) Initial articles of incorporation, initial certificate of formation, or other initial organizing records including a foreign entity registration or any single document except an annual report, ten dollars each;

(c) Initial organizational records as listed in (b) of this subsection plus all subsequent amendments, changes, and restatements, including mergers, conversions, etc., twenty dollars;

(d) Copy of any filing related to a state registered domestic partnership, five dollars;

(e) Surcharge for files exceeding one hundred pages of copy, thirteen dollars for each fifty-page increment.

(2) For certificates of existence, registration, or any fact on record, fees are as follows:

(a) With complete historical data, thirty dollars;

(b) Without complete historical data, twenty dollars;

(c) Duplicate certificate, twenty dollars.

(3) For additional certificates of registration of a state registered domestic partnership, five dollars. For an additional or replacement state registered domestic partnership wallet card, ten dollars.

(4) For verifying the signature of a notary or public official, for an apostille or certification authenticating a sworn document, the fee is fifteen dollars.

(5) Fees paid under WAC 434-112-085 are not refundable.

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(4) For verifying the signature of a notary or public official, for an apostille or certification authenticating a sworn document, the fee is fifteen dollars.
(5) For each certified copy of any record the fee is ten dollars plus the record copy fee.

(6) For any service of process the fee is fifty dollars.

(7) Dishonored checks. If a person, corporation, or other submitting entity has attempted to pay any fee due to the secretary of state by means of a check, and the check is dishonored by the financial institution when presented, the secretary of state will impose a twenty-five-dollar penalty, payable to the secretary of state.

In the event a valid replacement check and dishonor charge is not received in the office of the secretary of state within the time prescribed by its accounting division, the transaction covered by the dishonored check will be canceled and all other late filing fees and penalties will be instituted.

[Statutory Authority: 2015 c 176, and chapters 11.110, 18.100, 19.77, 23.86, 23.90, 23B.01, 24.03, 24.06, 25.10, 25.15, 43.07, and 46.64 RCW. WSR 15-22-047, § 434-112-090, filed 10/29/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 11.11.070, 18.100.035, 19.77.015, [19.77.030, [19.77.050, [19.77.060, 23.86.075, 23.90.050, 23B.01.200, [23B.01.220, 24.03.007, [24.03.002, [24.03.045, 24.03.045, 24.03.045, 24.03.045, 24.03.045, 25.10.006, [25.10.171, [25.10.365, [25.10.610, [25.10.916, [25.10.921, 25.15.007, [25.15.810, 43.07.120, [43.07.128, [43.07.130, 46.64.040. WSR 10-20-150, § 434-112-090, filed 10/6/10, effective 11/6/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 23.86.070, 23B.01.200, 23B.01.220, 24.03.045, 25.10.600, 43.07.120. WSR 09-06-036, § 434-112-090, filed 2/24/09, effective 3/27/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.07.400 and 9A.56.078. WSR 07-20-065, § 434-112-090, filed 9/28/07, effective 10/29/07.]

WAC 434-112-100  State registered domestic partnerships. (1) State registered domestic partnerships will be registered by the corporations program, in the corporations and charities division of the office of the secretary of state.

(2) Declarations of state registered domestic partnerships may be submitted to the division by mail, or in person.

(3) The paper record standards in WAC 434-112-040 apply to declarations of state registered domestic partnerships.

(4) At the time of registration of a declaration of state registered domestic partnership the corporations program will provide to the state registered domestic partnership:

(a) One original certificate of registration. Further certificates or additional certificates requested after registration are available subject to the fees set forth in WAC 434-112-090.

(b) Two wallet sized cards documenting registration of the state registered domestic partnership.

(5) Registrations of state registered domestic partnerships are public records and all records related to the registration are subject to public disclosure.

(6) Notice of termination of domestic partnership by reason of death only may be submitted to the corporations program by email, regular mail or in person and must include a copy of the death certificate. There is no fee.

[Statutory Authority: 2015 c 176, and chapters 11.110, 18.100, 19.77, 23.86, 23.90, 23B.01, 24.03, 24.06, 25.10, 25.15, 43.07, and 46.64 RCW. WSR 15-22-047, § 434-112-100, filed 10/29/15, effective 1/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 11.11.070, 18.100.035, 19.77.015, [19.77.030, [19.77.050, [19.77.060, 23.86.075, 23.90.050, 23B.01.200, [23B.01.220, 24.03.007, [24.03.002, [24.03.045, 24.03.045, 24.03.045, 24.03.045, 25.10.006, [25.10.171, [25.10.365, [25.10.610, [25.10.916, [25.10.921, 25.15.007, [25.15.810, 43.07.120, [43.07.128, [43.07.130, 46.64.040. WSR 10-20-150, § 434-112-090, filed 10/6/10, effective 11/6/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 23.86.070, 23B.01.200, 23B.01.220, 24.03.045, 25.10.600, 43.07.120. WSR 09-06-036, § 434-112-100, filed 2/24/09, effective 3/27/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.07.400 and 9A.56.078. WSR 07-20-065, § 434-112-090, filed 9/28/07, effective 10/29/07.]}